

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LINDY WINSTON

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 1996

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a man from my district who personifies the American work ethic and the American spirit. Lindy Winston just retired after 41 years as a postal carrier. The outpouring of affection for this man from those who know him is truly inspirational and is a testament to his lifetime of community service.

The son of a coal miner in Boomer, WV, Lindy Winston learned early that life would not be easy. After losing his father to black lung and then losing his job when the coal mine closed, Lindy moved to Cleveland to look for a new job. "I came to Cleveland on a wing and a prayer," he said. His prayers were soon answered.

Once in Cleveland, Lindy took a job at Thompson Products—now TRW, and in December 1954 he strapped an Uncle Sam mailbag onto his back and began his new career. "On my first day as a mailman there was a cold rain," he said, "my clothes were frozen stiff."

So 41 years and 50,000 miles later he walked his last route. At his last delivery—and this was a day when the temperature was below zero, Mr. Speaker—he was met by a group of friends, family, children, and officials who held a rally in his honor. You see, Mr. Speaker, Lindy Winston was not your ordinary mailman. He was a mailman who delivered more than the mail every time he walked up your drive.

Looking back Winston states, "I never wanted to be just a mailman. It's more than just putting letters in a box. I wanted to be an ambassador. I've seen kids grow up, go to college. I've gone to their funerals. I've been their psychologist, their doctor, their lawyer."

One individual had told me that Winston, who was also a pastor in his church, "was a preacher and we became his congregation." Here's what some of the other members of his congregation had to say about him: "He's like one of the family." "He walks on water." "I hug him every time I see him, he wears Old Spice."

Lindy can look forward to enjoying his retirement with his wife Carolyn, his childhood sweetheart who he met at age 12, and his family. But, there are those who find it hard to let Lindy go, especially the children on his route who will sadly miss their friend with the mailbag who fixed their bikes, untangled kites, played catch, and brought them presents.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when our newspapers are filled with stories about scandal and crime, and when role models for our young people are harder to find, I think it is important to take time out here in the Congress to recognize those in our community who are true role models and who represent what is best about our country. Lindy Winston is just such a person.

Lindy, on behalf of the hard working and compassionate people of this country I applaud you. Your love for the people in your community and the quality of service that you provided the residents of West Park, OH, can serve as an example to all of us of the good one man can do.

TRIBUTE TO EARL GRAVES, PUBLISHER, BUSINESSMAN, AND MORGAN STATE ALUMNI

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Earl Graves, a nationally recognized authority on African-American business development and an alumnus of my alma mater, Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD.

On August 9, 1995, Morgan State University president Dr. Earl Richardson announced that the Morgan State School of Business and Management would be renamed the Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management. This high honor was due in part to Earl's entrepreneurial vision which has guided Black Enterprise magazine through 25 years of publishing and in part to his strong commitment to higher education.

As the publisher of Black Enterprise magazine, Earl has been one of the Nation's leading advocates for upscale black professionals, executives, entrepreneurs, and policy makers in the private and public sector. Earl has also applied much of what is discussed in his magazine to his professional life: he is the chairman and CEO of Pepsi-Cola of Washington, DC, the largest minority-controlled Pepsi-Cola franchise in the United States. The company covers a franchise territory of more than 400 square miles including Washington, DC and Prince Georges County, MD. Earl is also a General Partner of Egoli Beverages, the Pepsi-Cola franchise bottler of South Africa.

Earl has been very active in supporting historically black colleges and universities, with the recent contribution of \$1 million to our mutual alma mater, Morgan State University. President Clinton praised Earl's contribution as "an investment that will pay great dividends for the next generation and beyond, and I hope one that will encourage others to follow Earls lead and do their part to help expand opportunities in business and education for African-Americans."

In addition to his tremendous successes in business, Earl Graves has also been intimately involved in trying to improve the lives of all Americans. He served as an administrative assistant to Senator Robert F. Kennedy from 1965 to 1968: following Senator Kennedy's assassination Earl formed his own management consulting firm to advise corporations of urban affairs and economic development.

Earl Graves has also been a long and active advocate of the Boy Scouts of America;

he currently serves as the vice president, relationships/marketing and on the executive board of the national office.

The list of organizations on whose boards he voluntarily serves is as extensive as it is impressive: New American Schools Development Corporation, TransAfrica Forum; the Glass Ceiling Commission; American Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, and is chairman of the Black Business Council. Earl also serves on the board of selectors of the American Institute for Public Service, the executive committee of the Council on Competitiveness, the advisory council of the Character Education Partnership, and the board of directors of the Associates of Harvard University's Graduate School of Business Administration.

Despite all of these honors and responsibilities, Earl does not rest on his laurels. He continues to remain an active participant in all of his endeavors—a perusal of his monthly essays on the Publisher's Page of Black Enterprise magazine often leads the reader to consider such important issues as affirmative action and the fate of our national economy.

While this may be but a brief overview of the many accomplishments and contributions of Earl Graves to our Nation, it is clear that he is a remarkable man. The fact that he is willing—indeed, eager—to share his gifts makes him all the more extraordinary. We as a nation are certainly lucky to have citizens like Earl Graves among us, and it is an honor to be able to salute him.

TAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL—A MODEL OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Department of Education has recognized Taylor Middle School in Millbrae, CA, as a "Blue Ribbon School." As a Blue Ribbon School, Taylor Middle School serves as a shining example of high-quality education for the rest of the country. The school is one of only 266 throughout our entire Nation and one of only 39 in California to be selected for this high honor.

I invite my colleagues to join me in extending our most sincere admiration and congratulations for the wonderful educational environment that Taylor Middle School provides for our young Americans. I am indeed proud to have this outstanding institution in my congressional district.

Taylor Middle School has achieved this high honor through its persistent and highly effective pursuit of local, State and national educational goals. These goals reflect the areas in which our educational institutions across the country are most in need of improvement. Taylor Middle School's remarkable success in overcoming some of the most difficult problems our schools face today makes it a perfect

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